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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the June 9, 2003 Office Action in the above-identified case, Applicants elect restriction Group I (claims 1 - 14, drawn to method of reducing superoxide damage or increasing resistance of an oxygen-labile protein to oxidation) without prejudice to the eventual filing of a divisional application on restriction Group II.

No fees are believed necessary to enter this response. However, if any fee is necessary, please charge Deposit Account 17-0055.

Respectfully submitted,

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